

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes



Date & Time: Thursday, June 22nd, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Location: Sun Metro Transit Operations Center at 10151 Montana

Agenda Minutes

I. Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm with following members present. Committee introduced themselves, as well as city employees that were present.

Member	Appointment	Present
Manuel Corral	District 1	Present
Soledad Basoco	District 2	Absent
Michelle Adjemian	District 3	Present
Lori Vugteveen	District 4	Present
Mary Alice Gary	District 5	Present
Mary Castillo	District 6	Absent
Karl Kevin Glancey	District 7	Present
Paul de la Peña	District 8	Present
George Zavala	Mayor	Present
Julio Perez	Secretary	Present
Omar de la Pena	Legal	Present

II. Call to the Public – Public Comment

- Josue Rodriguez asked when the EP311 app would be released to the general public.
- Paul De la Pena announced that he is part of the El Paso Public Forum where is hosting a show. Non-profit organizations are eligible to for free PSA's. Please contact him directly if interested.

III. Business Items

Approval of May 25th, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve made by Paul de la Pena and Mary Alice Gary. Motion passed.

IV. Discussion

- A. Agenda item for discussion and action on changing the time of the meeting from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.
 - a. Discussion and action took place to change the time from one hour to 1.5 hrs to allow for more time to discuss agenda items. Motioned by Mary Alice Gary and seconded by Michelle Adjemian. Unanimously approved.
- B. Recreational Centers ADA Compliance – Update
 - a. Mr. Tracy Novak (Dir of Parks and Rec) was present to provide an update.
 - b. Apologized for taking so long and mentioned how important this is to him and that he is committed to getting this done as soon as possible. There will be an intern assigned specifically to this task until it's done. Parks and Rec is currently doing some research with the School for the Deaf and Blind in Alamo Gordo to learn from them on best practices for exercise equipment.
 - c. Julio Perez recommended to once again visit the Multi-Purpose center along with one or two volunteers. Mary Alice Gary volunteered to go and review the room for accessibility. He will report back at the next AAC.
 - d. Mary Alice asked about the grant program that allows eligible citizens to use the exercise rooms during certain times. Mr. Novak will provide more information for the next AAC from Veronica Myers.
- C. Results of City Council request for funding
 - a. Mr. Zavala provided an update to the group and public of his visit to City Council to ask for more funding.
 - b. Mr. Zavala feels that the City is not truly listening to the citizens and was asking the group to do more about it.
 - c. Julio Perez asked the group to give the City an opportunity to respond via the budget process we're currently going through. If after budget decisions are made and the group is still not satisfied, then they are welcome to do whatever else they feel is necessary. The committee agreed.
- D. Discuss public outreach strategies to get more agenda items
 - a. Mr. Zavala is asking the community and the committee to think of other ways to get more ideas for agenda items. Not many folks are submitting agenda items for AAC.
 - b. Julio Perez recommended that each appointee meet with their City Representative on a regular basis to get a feel for what's important in their district in terms of accessibility. By doing so, they will come back to AAC with more agenda items.
 - c. Committee members agreed.
- E. Update on bus stop enhancement project
 - a. Frank Benavidez (Sun Metro Engineer on project) stated that 'boots are on the ground' in terms of the contractor having started to work on bus stop enhancements. He will start providing an update on how many are being done on a regular basis.
- F. Discuss accessibility on spray parks
 - a. Mr. Zavala reported that there were some complaints regarding the spray parks not being accessible.
 - b. Julio Perez asked the group what types of issues or concerns they had as he had visited at least two of the parks and had found them to be very accessible.
 - c. Tracy Novak mentioned that every spray park was designed to be 100%

accessible and that if there any issues, to please report them.

d. AAC members were not able to provide any specifics as to what complaints had been submitted.

G. Discussion and action on July's AAC mtg

a. Due to the ADA coordinator being out of the city during the last week of July, the next AAC meeting will take place on July 20th.

V. Next meeting Location

- July 20th, 2017 from 2:30-4:00pm at Sun Metro Operations Center.

VI. Adjournment – 4:05 PM